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HAPPY REIGN

OF

GEORGE THE LAST.

AN

ADDRESS

TO THE

LITTLE TRADESMEN,

AND THE

LABOURING POOR

OF

ENGLAND.

A Republican

"A hard-working Man, and a "*Poor Devil*," are ſynoni-
"mous terms in the language of Ariſtocracy."

FELLOW CITIZENS!

I FLATTER myſelf, that in you I addreſs men too enlightened to be *any longer* dazzled with the glare of *lordly grandeur*, or *duped* by the declamations of *falſe patriotiſm*. The *former* would ſtill gall you with *unneceſſary taxes*, *game-laws*, and *vile impoſts*; the *latter* would lead you perhaps to *violence*, and after reaching the object of its ambition, ſmile in *place* and *power* at the *credulity* of the ſuffering multitude.

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Let us at laſt *think for ourſelves—act for ourſelves*; and then we ſhall ceaſe to *drudge* and *ſweat* for *courtiers*, and their *cringing creatures*. If you love your *country*, you will always be ready to maintain its *lawful* and *juſt government*; but if you love your *wives* and *children*, or *yourſelves*, you will *not* always conſent to have needleſs and enormous *contributions* raiſed on you, for the gratification of the *vicious* and *depraved*, *however high in title*, or for *ſinecure placemen* and *worthleſs penſioners*. Many millions of our money, my fellow-citizens! is every year diſpoſed of in *this way*, and will continue to be ſo, if we *tamely* ſubmit to it.

The *grievances* and *impoſitions*, my friends, we labour under, are too *well known*, and *too deeply felt by us all*, and our *ſuffering families*, to need much comment; and I think it a *duty* that each of us owes to *God*, his *country*, his *family*, *himſelf*, and *poſterity*, to promote, to the utmoſt of his *power* and *abilities*, the *abolition of them*. This can only be effectually accompliſhed but by our *unanimous exertions*. Let us be *united*, and ſucceſs muſt be ours. It hath ever been the policy of *uſurpers* on the *ſacred* RIGHTS OF MAN to foment diviſions among the people, leſt they ſhould *aſſociate* for the recovery of *thoſe rights*. But the lower order, that is, the *moſt reſpectable order* of men, have at laſt begun to know their *own intereſt* in ſociety. There are but a *handful* of men in England really intereſted in the *corruption* of government, compared to the paſſive multitude of EIGHT MILLIONS, who are *plundered* by this handful.

It would be an inſult on the good ſenſe and ſpirit of my greatly-injured fellow-citizens to dwell longer on the *abſolute neceſſity* of a *ſpeedy ſtep* to do away the *impoſitions* they ſuffer; and I truſt it is needleſs to recommend *harmony* and *temperance* to thinking men, who have ſo *much*

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at ſtake, whoſe cauſe is ſo good, and whoſe power is *irreſiſtible*, if wiſely exerted.

Let us begin with *parochial* and *village aſſociations*. No head or leader is requiſite or deſirable on this occaſion:—the meaſure is *equally intereſting to all*; let us therefore uſe *equal exertions* to aſſert the indefeaſible RIGHTS OF MAN, with the moderation of citizens, to whom *public tranquillity* is the deareſt object, AFTER the ſecurity of *public freedom*.

I need not obſerve to you, that no man can be really *free* who is taxed without his *mediate* or *immediate* conſent; or made *ſubject to laws* at the *paſſing* of which he is allowed no *repreſentative*.

Let the beſt informed in every neighbourhood *conſult together* in *ſobriety* and *independence*; let not the frowns or ſophiſtry of *Great Paupers upon the public*, or their *depraved emiſſaries* deter you from *aſſociating*. *Men have a right to meet together*, and 'tis tyranny to attempt to prevent it. This can be the only ſucceſsful prelude to the obtaining the *rights* deſigned us by *God* and *nature*. Let every *hundred* and *town* finally aſſemble, in order to prepare each a manly and firm *appeal to every citizen—to all men*; and *corruption* will not dare long to reſiſt the juſt claims of a *great* and *undivided People*.

Do we toil while others reap?
Do we ſtarve while others feaſt?
Are we ſold and ſhorn, like ſheep,
By the Deſpot and the Prieſt?

Are we born for them alone?
If by right divine they rule,
Yonder *Idiot* on a throne
Reigns by right divine a *Fool!*

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